



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement

June 27, 2005

News Release

ICE DEPORTS MAN WANTED FOR MURDER IN BRAZIL

BOSTON—A 28-year-old man convicted for murder in his native Brazil was deported Thursday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers.

Rodrigo Barros, who was living in the United States illegally, is wanted in Brazil for the murder of Simone Silva. He was arrested by ICE agents at his Framingham, Mass. residence on March 10th of this year.



Operating on information received from the Natick (Mass.) Police Department, and working with local authorities in Natick and Framingham, ICE agents located and identified Rodrigo Barros as an illegal alien.

Further investigation revealed that Barros is currently wanted in Brazil after having absconded while facing charges for murder in that country.

According to court records in Brazil, Barros was convicted of murder on Dec. 3, 2002, and sentenced to six and a half years in prison. ICE's investigation revealed that, at the time of conviction, Barros had already fled to the United States to escape justice.

Barros was ordered removed by an Immigration Judge on May 12th.

"The removal of this individual from the U.S. reinforces the ICE mission to restore integrity to the immigration system," said Bruce E. Chadbourne, field office director of ICE in New England. "ICE has served the public well by removing a dangerous and wanted criminal from this country and sending him back to serve justice for his criminal conviction abroad."

The Office of Detention and Removal (DRO) focuses on promoting public safety and national security by ensuring that all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed from the United States as expeditiously as possible.

Last year, ICE removed a record setting 160,000 aliens; approximately 53 percent were criminal aliens. ICE's New England field office has removed nearly 1,000 criminal aliens since the beginning of Fiscal Year 05.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.